

COUNTY NEWS

Two Counties 100 Per Cent in Paid-up Dues—It is with pleasure we announce that San Mateo County Medical Society and Sonoma County Medical Society have no delinquent members, but every member is fully paid up for this year, a record to be proud of.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Medical Association (reported by Pauline Nusbaumer, secretary)—The Alameda County Hospital staff presented the program as arranged by L. P. Adams at the regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association.

"The Bond Issue for the Completion of the Highland Hospital," by R. G. Broderick.

Case Reports—Diffuse carcinoma of the liver, by Q. O. Gilbert. Epilepsy due to pollen allergy, by A. H. Rowe. Peculiar cartilage lesion in the heel analogous to Perthe's disease in the hip, by F. J. Carlson.

Papers—"The Sliding Hernia—Report of Cases," by F. H. Bowles. "Methods and Results in Partial Gastrectomies," by Dexter N. Richards. "Observations on the Effect of Posture in Some Types of Low Back Pain," by Harold H. Hitchcock. "The Use of Mercurochrome and Gentian Violet in the Treatment of Infections," by Gertrude Moore.

These subjects provoked a general discussion, M. L. Emerson, S. H. Buteau, Q. O. Gilbert, N. A. Cary, R. G. Van Nuys, taking part. The attendance was good, and the refreshments aided the enjoyment of good fellowship.

Rat-bite fever by William Mills, and the use of radium in uterine fibroid by William H. Sargent, were the subjects discussed at the monthly meeting of the Merritt Hospital staff, held May 5 at 8:15 p. m.

Since the beginning of 1924 a program of mental hygiene for children has been undertaken in the Oakland-Berkeley district. Three clinics are now under way—at the Oakland Health Center, the Oakland Baby Hospital, and at the Berkeley Dispensary. The clinic at the Baby Hospital is a "Habit Clinic" fashioned on the lines of the Thom clinics in Massachusetts, while the other two clinics are child guidance clinics, dealing with juvenile court cases, school cases, conduct problems, mental deficiency, etc.

The work at the Oakland Health Center is carried on under V. H. Podstata and Sydney Smith, while the work of the other two clinics is directed by Smith. Uniform records are kept in the three clinics. A medical psychologist and a social service worker are included in each clinic.

In addition to the actual clinic work, a fairly comprehensive program of education is being outlined and carried out, including talks on mental hygiene to visiting nurses, teacher-parent associations, and club groups.

The regular monthly meeting of the general staff of Fabiola Hospital was held at the hospital April 29. The attendance was large.

The bond issue for the new Highland Hospital was discussed and a liberal donation was made by the staff to defray the campaign expenses.

Mrs. J. P. H. Dunn, president of the Fabiola Hospital Association, requested the staff to lend their moral as well as financial support to the new Peralta Hospital Association, or any other hospital enterprise of like merit.

The program for the evening was as follows:

"Physical Signs Produced by Foreign Bodies in the Bronchial Tubes," by Clifford D. Sweet; discussed by F. M. Shook, E. A. Majors, George McClure and O. R. Etter. "An Unusual Infection in Mastoiditis," by F. M. Shook; discussed by George McClure and Roderrick O'Connor. "Oral Sepsis," by W. E. Rideout; discussed by C. D. Sweet and W. R. Bell. "Lethargic Encephalitis," by H. D. Bell; discussed by A. H. Rowe, E. W. Goodman, R. L. Richards, and Daniel Crosby.

At the monthly meeting of the Alameda County Hospital staff, the evening was devoted to the discussion of house cases and proved very instructive.

Providence Hospital staff omitted its meeting, on account of date conflicting with meeting of the state association.

Bonds for completion of Highland Hospital carried, making it possible to complete the hospital within two years.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Medical Society (reported by L. St. John Hely, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the society was held at the residence of the superintendent of the County Hospital at Martinez on Saturday, April 26.

The lecture by Albert H. Rowe of Oakland was confined to asthma and hay fever and the causes and cure. A free discussion followed by many of the members. It was demonstrated that many of the common skin diseases, such as eczema, were caused by certain foods acting as poisons on this particular individual; when that particular food was withdrawn from the diet the disease immediately disappeared. In nearly all these cases individuals can be immunized and return to this food element. Tests are made to find which food or vegetable pollen is causing an asthma, then they are vaccinated (so-called) against this poison, thus removing the effect of the particular poison. The lecture was very exhaustive and enjoyed by the members. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess. The following members were present: George W. Sweetser, E. Merrithew, Hall Vestal, C. R. Leech, Denninger-Keser, J. Emmett Clark, E. B. Fitzpatrick, John Beard, F. Lisle Horne, H. L. Carpenter, L. St. John Hely, S. H. Marks, Wise, L. A. Clary, Clara Spalding, J. B. Spalding.

FRESNO COUNTY

Fresno County Medical Society (reported by T. Floyd Bell, secretary)—The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Fresno on May 6. A banquet preceded the meeting. Members present were as follows: Aller, Anderson, Barrett, Bell, Binkley, Broemser, Collins, Couey, Cross, Craycroft, Drake, Dearborn, Ehlers, Ellsworth, Hare, Jamgotchian, Kjaerbye, Konigsmacher, Lamkin, Larson, G. L. Long, Luckie, Madden, Manson, Maupin, Miller, Montgomery, Mordoff, Morgan, Milholland, McConnell, McPheeters, Newton, Nedry, Peterson, Pettis, Pomeroy, Rosson, Schottstaedt, Sheldon, Staniford, Stein, Scorbora, Thompson, Tillman, Tobin, Vanderburgh, J. R. Walker, G. W. Walker, Wiese, and Willson.

Visitors—Brunn, Kruse, Seligman, H. O. Collins, Betts, Preston, and Calahan.

Fred H. Kruse, of the University of California Medical School, presented a very interesting paper on "Peptic Ulcer from the Medical Standpoint." He gathered together in his paper the essential points in regard to the disease and gave an excellent summary of the subject. He considered etiology from the standpoint of the two great schools of thought. He enumerated the conditions which required surgical intervention. The treatment he took up also according to the two schools of thought, Sippy and Smithies, the former using alkaline treatment, and the latter rest and cutting down of the secretions of the stomach. He discussed alkalosis in relation to the alkaline treatment.

Harold Brunn, also of the University of California Medical School, spoke on the surgical aspect of peptic ulcer. As to etiology, he said that there is much that is not known about peptic ulcers. Focal infection is a very important part and must be removed to get a permanent cure. Each case must be considered individually, either medically or surgically. The type of operation done should be determined at the operating table. In speaking of the surgical indications, he said that gastroenterostomy was taking a second place in the surgical care of peptic ulcer. Cauterization is better than excision in small ulcers. Large ones should

be excised with resection of the stomach. Duodenal ulcers are best treated by the Finney or Horseley operation, the latter being very good. The cases of perforating ulcers seen at the San Francisco Hospital can be divided into two classes: (1) those with an old history, and (2) those coming on suddenly with great pain and shock without any previous digestive disturbances. The latter are probably embolic and the perforation leaves a clean hole in the wall of the gut.

Brunn also presented the subject of diverticulitis before the staff of the General Hospital at noon on May 6. He had pathological specimens and x-rays to illustrate his paper, besides having several histories of such cases. This was a very instructive talk, as few of the staff had ever seen many cases.

KERN COUNTY

Kern County Medical Society (reported by H. W. Moore, secretary)—The regular meeting was held at the Kern County Hospital the evening of April 17, President P. J. Cuneo presiding. Thirteen members present.

Ellis Jones and Ross Sutherland, of Los Angeles, visitors.

Moore, Rogers, and Veon were instructed to formulate an obituary to the memory of S. F. Smith, who died at Bakersfield April 13, 1924.

Ellis Jones gave a talk on "Practical Problems of Orthopedic Surgery," supplemented by lantern slides. He brought out and discussed clubfoot, congenital dislocation of the hip, arthroplasties, bone inlays, Perthes' disease, arthritis, and many other orthopedic problems.

MARIN COUNTY

Marin County Medical Society (reported by J. H. Kuser, secretary)—The society met on April 24 at the office of W. Jones in San Rafael, with the following members present: Clark, Dufficy, Furlong, Hund, Jones, Landrock, Kuser, Mays, Larson. The guest of the evening was Ellen Stadtmuller, who requested the interest of the members in the examination of children in the pre-school age.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

San Bernardino County Medical Society (reported by E. J. Eytinge, secretary)—This society met May 6 at San Bernardino County Hospital, with twenty-three present, fifty-three absent, and ten guests. The program was as follows:

"Indications and Contra-indications for Caesarean Section," by Titian Coffey of Los Angeles. "Classical Caesarean Section; Technique and After Care," by Peter O. Sundin of Los Angeles. "Low Cervical Caesarean Section; Technique and After Care" (with Lantern Slides), by John Vruwink of Los Angeles; discussion will take place after all three papers have been read and will be opened by W. A. George.

Luncheon at 10:30.

This program was given at a joint meeting of the Los Angeles County Medical Society with the Obstetrical Section in Los Angeles at their last meeting, and we are indebted to that society for its repetition.

The appeals of the secretary for assistance in enrolling new members have at last reached one man. J. B. Craig of Ontario forwarded the names of seven possible applicants. Perhaps you cannot send as many, but you can try and your efforts would be appreciated.

Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital Accredited—Under date of May 13 the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association advise that they have placed the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital, Loma Linda, California, on the list of accredited hospitals of California. It is always a pleasure to physicians, and would be to the general public had they full appreciation of what it all means, to see one hospital after another advance its work to a plane where it is carried throughout the world as an accredited agency of scientific medicine.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego County Notes (reported by Robert Pollock)—A liberal delegation of San Diego County Society members attended the state meeting in Los Angeles, several of whom were represented on the scientific programs.

A scientific program of high order was expressed before the monthly meeting of the Naval Hospital staff April 26, when Ellis Jones of Los Angeles read an excellent paper on orthopedics, and Arthur E. Smith, also of Los Angeles, read a comprehensive and thoughtful paper on "Diagnosis and Treatment of Oral Pathologic Conditions." These monthly gatherings at the Naval Hospital in Balboa Park are greatly appreciated by the members of the County Medical Society, who are always extended the courtesy of an invitation by Captain Wieber. Not only are the papers presented of a high order by men of authority from outside cities, but the sociability, coupled with the serving of light refreshments, tend to add materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

At the regular meeting of the county society of April 22 C. E. Howard presented an excellent paper on the differential diagnosis between biliary tract infections and peptic ulcer. This very important diagnostic field was carefully mapped out and classified into its various phases. The discussion taken up from the x-ray standpoint, that of the medical and the surgical diagnosis, respectively, was entered into by Kinney, Pollock, and Burger.

The bulletin of the San Diego County Medical Society, in its May 9 number, presented a survey of the available hospital beds in and about San Diego, tending to show the city's present inadequacy in this matter. It behooves all cities to take an occasional inventory of their ability to take care of their citizens needing hospitalization, and to consider their fullest capacity if suddenly confronted by serious epidemic.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Proceedings of the San Francisco County Medical Society (reported by J. H. Woolsey, secretary)—During the month of April, 1924, the following meetings were held:

Tuesday, April 1—Section on Medicine—Some phases of the work of the Council of Pharmacy and Chemistry, by Felix Lengfeld. The rationale of hexamethyleneamine therapy, by P. J. Hanzlik.

Tuesday, April 8—General Meeting—The present status of hoof and mouth disease as it affects San Francisco, by William C. Hassler. The importance of biochemical research to clinical medicine, by Carl L. A. Schmidt.

Tuesday, April 15—Section on Industrial Medicine—The doctor under the compensation law, by Mr. D. W. Burbank. Some problems in compensation practice, by M. R. Gibbons. The doctor in industrial medicine, by E. F. Glaser.

Tuesday, April 22—Section on Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat—Clinical meeting at the University of California Hospital.

Tuesday, April 29—Section on Urology—Gonorrhea and responsibility, by Melville Silverberg. Experimental hydronephrosis, by Frank Hinman and A. B. Hepler.

Franklin Hospital (reported by Ewald H. Angerman, secretary)—The regular monthly meeting of the Franklin Hospital Clinical Society was held Monday, April 28, at the hospital, J. Wilson Shiels presiding. An interesting and varied program was presented by the following:

Demonstration of an unusual case of septicemia and pyemia, following a slight trauma in an apparently robust adult, by Alfred Roncovieri. An atypical case of syphilis, chiefly involving the mediastinal contents, by J. Wilson Shiels. Two unusual cases of fracture of the femur, by Conrad Weil. A Case of recurrent formation of ureteral calculi, by George W. Hartman. Selected pathological specimens, both

gross and microscopic, of the skin, intestine, and uterus, by Carl Werner.

The numerous discussions that followed this program gave evidence that the evening spent was decidedly educational.

St. Luke's Hospital Clinical Club (reported by H. H. Johnson)—At the meeting held on May 6 Z. E. Bolin spoke on "What We Know of Blood Chemistry," stating that chemistry in medicine does not deal with what was formerly called physiologic chemistry, but takes in with it at the present day every branch of chemistry and with it more or less of physics. It would be hard, if not impossible, to think of an organ or system the diagnoses of the disorders of which are not aided by blood chemistry. It is used in diseases of the lungs, the stomach, the liver, the thyroid, the kidneys; in organic neurological conditions; in tests to determine the operability of patients from the standpoint of kidney function; in acidosis; in the estimation of coagulation time of blood, and determination of the onset of uremia. It is used by internists, obstetricians, and dermatologists. Many and varied tests have been evolved by the laboratory man; however, it is the interpretation that counts. There is absolute need for co-operation between the pathologist and clinician, and in this interpretation and its practical application the greatest progress in the next few years will be made.

Many tests and their practical application were given in detail, and the use of the resources of blood chemistry in its methods of diagnosis and prognosis was strongly urged.

St. Joseph's Hospital Staff Active (reported by Sister M. Sylvia, superior)—Hartley F. Peart, general counsel for the California Medical Association, spoke on "Specific Obligations of Physicians Under the Law" before St. Joseph's Hospital staff, of San Francisco, on May 21. He prophesied an increase of laws and regulations. Under licensure, proper conduct is demanded and derelicts, such as those guilty of criminal abortions, improper return of reportable matters and unethical behavior, are subject to revocation. Federal obligations deal with alcoholic and narcotic prescriptions, the former being limited as a remedy, except under "grave emergency." Orders for either are not refillable. The state poison law restricts the use of narcotics also, except for incurables, if the pharmacy board is notified. The Sheppard-Towner act makes it a duty to report all pregnancies, but the consent of patients should be obtained, so that there will be no liability for divulging confidential information. The general requirement is that a practitioner should use the skill and care exercised by the average of the same school in the locality. No guarantee of cure or prevention of suffering is contemplated by law. Consent for an operation is required.

Captain Duncan Matheson talked on "Local Regulations Affecting Doctors." He also regretted the increasing of legal enactments. An appeal for the co-operation of physicians in all lesions which are self-inflicted or caused by others was made. Dying statements should be made early, as also identification of accused by victim. In poisonings, preserve all evidence. Report lost certificates of practice.

G. W. Pierce illustrated "Plastic Surgery" with lantern slides and patients. Tubular grafts and epithelial inlays are used. Operations for keloids, scars, saddle nose, hare lip, and rhinophyma were shown, as well as transplantation of rib cartilage. Andrew Nagy reported a case of intussusception.

The program for June 11 follows: "Modern Management of Labor Cases," by A. B. Spalding, and "Operations in Obstetrics," by Reginald Knight Smith.

YUBA-SUTTER COUNTIES

Yuba-Sutter Counties Medical Society (reported by A. L. Miller, secretary)—Election of officers of the Yuba-Sutter Counties Medical Society for the coming year resulted as follows: John Duncan, Marysville, president; R. G. Scribner, Hammonton, secretary.

Utah State Medical Association

J. R. MORRELL, M. D., Ogden - President
WILLIAM L. RICH, M. D., Salt Lake - Secretary
W. R. CALDERWOOD, M. D., Associate Editor for Utah

PROGRAM THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, LOGAN, JUNE 19-20-21, 1924.

One can ill afford to miss a single paper on this most excellent program, as they are all written by men who come from the largest clinics in the United States and rank among the most eminent men in their fields in America.

In order that we may get their best thoughts and that no time may be wasted, the Program Committee has decided to eliminate discussions, except at the request of the president. However, the free asking of questions, if they come within the time allotted to the paper, is encouraged.

Meetings will be held in the Agricultural Engineering Building at the Agricultural College, where members will register.

The Council will meet at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, and daily thereafter. The House of Delegates at 10 a. m., Thursday, June 19, and at 8 a. m., Friday, June 20, at the Agricultural College.

Cafeteria luncheon will be served daily at the Agricultural College during the session.

Papers and addresses delivered at this meeting shall be the property of the association, and shall be handed to the secretary as soon as read.

The visiting ladies will be entertained by the ladies of Logan, as follows:

Luncheon at the Blue Bird followed by cards at 7:30 p. m., Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph R. Morrell's reception, 3 to 6 p. m., Friday.

Valley drive and basket lunch at Agricultural College campus Saturday noon.

The Committee on Post-graduate Work are now active and are preparing a course in post-graduate work for this fall, and the present plan contemplates courses in both surgery and medicine.

Officers

President, Joseph R. Morrell, Ogden; president-elect, Sol G. Kahn, Salt Lake City; first vice-president, L. B. Laker (deceased), Eureka; second vice-president, Homer E. Rich, Vernal; secretary, William L. Rich, Salt Lake City; treasurer, F. L. Peterson, Salt Lake City; councilors, R. R. Hampton (1924) Second District, Salt Lake City; E. G. Hughes (1925), Third District, Provo; W. L. Smith (1924), First District, Brigham City; delegate to A. M. A., E. M. Neher, Salt Lake City, 1924; alternate delegate to A. M. A., A. C. Behle, Salt Lake City, 1924.

Standing Committees

Scientific Work—Clarence Snow, chairman; M. M. Critchlow, vice-chairman; Ernest Van Cott, William L. Rich (secretary).

Public Policy and Legislation—John Z. Brown, chairman; D. C. Budge, F. A. Goeltz, J. R. Morrell (president); William L. Rich (secretary).

Arrangements—D. C. Budge, chairman; T. B. Budge, P. W. Eliason.

Special Committees

Education and Post-graduate Work—R. O. Porter, chairman; Hyrum L. Marshall, W. R. Calderwood.

Health and Public Instruction—Eugene H. Smith 1924, chairman; Fred Dunn (1925), C. E. McDermid (1926), Willard C. Christopherson (1927), E. M. Neher (1928).

Advisory on Hospitals—Ezra C. Rich (1924), chairman; E. F. Root (1925), J. W. Aird (1926), J. W. Hayward (1927), A. C. Behle (1928).

Industrial Medicine—R. S. Allison, chairman; J. C.